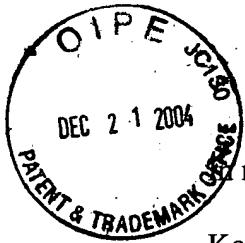


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on July 1, 2004, in connection with the above-identified patent application (Paper No./Mail Date 604), please enter the following amendments, and consider the following arguments. This response is timely filed requesting a Petition for Extension of Time for three months with necessary fees.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

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Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.